



**Connecticut Department of Social Services  
Medical Assistance Program  
Provider Bulletin**

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**TO: Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Community Clinics, Hospitals and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)**

**SUBJECT: Revised Well Care Exam (EPSDT) Forms and Recommendations for Anticipatory Guidance**

This bulletin is being sent to inform you that the Department of Social Services has revised the Well Care Exam (EPSDT, Early Periodic, Screening, Detection and Treatment) forms, formerly called Well Child Care (EPSDT) Forms, and the Recommendations for Anticipatory Guidance tables that are in Chapter 8 of the Provider Manual. The forms can be found in Chapter 8 of the Provider Manual at <http://www.ctmedicalprogram.com/>. These forms incorporate elements of screens, recommended immunizations and anticipatory guidance suggested by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Centers for Disease Control, the American Medical Association and other professional medical organizations. These forms and tables should be used for clients from birth through age 20. The new forms consist of full pages for each age or age range to give providers more room to record comments regarding the findings from each screen and an expanded anticipatory guidance section. Additional information about the elements of the screens and the anticipatory guidance questions can be found at <http://brightfutures.aap.org/web/>. This website also offers materials for medical professionals, public health professionals, parents and other interested community members about child development and age-appropriate well care.

The forms list the appropriate preventative screen procedure code for each age range. If a provider chooses to bill for an evaluation and management service code, or a clinic visit code combined with a diagnosis of well child care instead of a preventative care code, the visit will still count as a well child visit when DSS or HUSKY MCOs determine how many well child visits each child has received per year. Use of the new forms and recommended codes does not change DSS or MCO reimbursement policy regarding reimbursement for specific codes.

The revised Well Care Exam (EPSDT) Forms have been approved by DSS and all the managed care organizations that take part in HUSKY A and HUSKY B. These forms include all the required parts of an EPSDT screen. The Department encourages all providers of EPSDT screens to use the new Well Care Exam (EPSDT) Forms to assist them in providing comprehensive well

child screens. The revised and expanded Anticipatory Guidance Tables provide easier-to-read lists of the elements of anticipatory guidance appropriate for each exam and can serve as a useful reference.

MCOs are requested to send this information to their network providers.

This bulletin and other program information can be found at **www.ctmedicalprogram.com**.

Questions regarding this bulletin may be directed to the EDS Provider Assistance Center - Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at:

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